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## kynect enrollment runs until Feb. 15

Open enrollment through kynect, the state's health benefit exchange, continues to show strong interest from Kentuckians. More than 80,000 people have conducted preliminary screenings to find out what kind of discount may be available to their families, and more than 7,000 Kentuckians have enrolled in new health plans.

Those who need health insurance are encouraged to log on to kynect.ky.gov or contact an insurance agent or kyNECTor by Feb. 15 to see their options for quality, affordable health coverage in 2015. People who want their new coverage to take effect Jan. 1 should sign up by Dec. 15.

The number for the call center is (855) 4kyNECT. The website is open any time to submit an application or shop for coverage. Mobile apps for Apple or Android devices are also available to provide help or show enrollment events.

## Retirement honor reserved for Cook

Retiring Crittenden County Magistrate Percy Cook will be honored with a retirement reception at the courthouse from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Dec. 19. Cook has held the seat on Crittenden Fiscal Court since 1993 and will be retiring at the end of this year.

## U.S. Sen. Paul will seek re-election

Kentucky Republican Rand Paul, 51, says he will seek a second term to the U.S. Senate in 2016. Paul said in a press release Tuesday that he hopes to continue "the task of repairing and revitalizing our great nation" in the Senate. Paul is also considering running for the Republican nomination for president in 2016. His team believes there are ways around a Kentucky law that seems to prohibit running for Senate re-election and president at the same time.



Paul

— The Associated Press

## Correction

In a story in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press, it was stated that Ben Leonard had 30 days to appeal the decision by Circuit Judge René Williams to discontinue the recount in the election for family court judge against Brandi Hagan Rogers. Any appeal must be filed within 10 days of the Nov. 25 ruling.

## Public meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will hold a special-called meeting at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the judge-executive's courthouse office to discuss bids for the non-exclusive franchise agreement to provide solid waste services to residential customers in the county.

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet for its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Rocket Arena conference room.



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# Duvall grand marshal of Saturday's Christmas parade

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Larry Duvall will serve as grand marshal of this year's Marion Christmas parade.

Duvall, who has lived in Crittenden County for 32 years, is an agriculture educator at Crittenden County High School. He has devoted his entire career to Crittenden County School District, instilling in his students the importance of honesty, integrity and commitment to community.

Each year, the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce creates a selection committee to choose a grand marshal whose values reflect dedication and service to the community. Duvall's selection reflects the contributions he has made for the betterment of the county.

Originally from Greenville in Muhlenberg County, Du-



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS  
**Crittenden County High School teacher Larry Duvall speaks with student Dakota Watson about the progress of tomato plants in the agriculture education class' greenhouse. Duvall was named grand marshal of this year's Marion Christmas parade.**

vall grew up on a farm and took ag classes in high school. He said agriculture and the FFA have always in-

terested him. His brother, who also was an ag educator, was his high school ag teacher for three years.

"He didn't cut me any slack," Duvall said. "He made sure no one could say I had any favoritism or any edge because of him being my teacher and brother."

Duvall received his associate's degree from Madisonville Community College. He attended Murray State University where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees and Rank 1 certification.

While at Murray State, Duvall was influenced by one of his professors, Dr. Eldin Heathcott, who wanted to see his students excel in all their endeavors.

"He always tried to push all his students to do their

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## Lunch with Santa, Christmas parade set for Saturday

Saturday's Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade had 82 entries as of press time, but fewer floats than normal. To register a float or other entry in the parade, contact Marcela or Jeff Ellis, co-chairpersons of the event, at (270) 704-3234. The deadline to enter is Friday.

■ The parade begins at 1 p.m. Saturday with lineup beginning at noon.

■ Lunch with Santa, sponsored by Crittenden County Lions Club, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 224 W. Bellville St. in Marion.

# The longest road

## Blackburn Church Road snakes 10 miles across county with untapped beauty, hunting cabins, namesake church

By CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS PUBLISHER

Think of it as the Nile of the County.

Blackburn Church Road – the longest county-maintained road in Crittenden County – is an oasis of largely untapped natural beauty. It's history is as long and storied as its distance. Its contemporary population is perhaps lower than ever.

At just under 10 miles (9.891 to be exact), Blackburn Church Road has about a third as many hunting cabins as it does family dwellings. There are 17 permanent residences along the narrow route that runs from Ky. 120 near Tribune in the eastern quadrant of the county to Ky. 139 in a remote corner of Caldwell County. At least five hunting cabins dot the landscape and others are surely hidden in the hills. To the outdoorsman or naturalist, the shores of this county thoroughfare hold a treasure of opportunity.

The road has grown a bit in length over the years says Jim Blackburn, who lives at its mouth. Blackburn's great-grandfather, Rev. Elijah Bell Blackburn, started the tiny church for which the road is named. The cinder-block house of worship still stands with a cemetery just above it on the ridge. Services are no longer held at the church, but the cemetery remains active with an occasional burial.

Blackburn said his great-grandfather also started Walnut Grove Church and Old Salem churches.

Although Blackburn's address is Ky. 120, he and his



**The top five county-maintained roads in Crittenden County by distance are as follows:**

- Blackburn Church Road: 9.891 miles
- Fords Ferry Road: 8.269 miles
- Irma-White Road: 7.423 miles
- Providence Road: 6.040 miles
- Cave Springs Road: 5.419 miles

Three of the roads are in Magistrate Dan Wood's district.

*Crittenden County's*  
**Longest Roads**

wife live right at the corner where Blackburn Church Road meets the highway. The stretch of road between his house and what's often called James' Crossroads is about a mile and a half.

"For a long time after I moved here, that part of the road was known as Marion Porter's Mill Road," Blackburn said.

Several years ago, the county changed the sign at

Ky. 120, making it Blackburn Church Road from there to the Caldwell County line.

At the crossroads, Blackburn Church Road bisects with what is today known as Copperas Springs Road. Many years ago, that part of Copperas Springs Road was called Flynn's Ferry Road. It holds historic significance because pioneers coming from the East filed along Flynn's Ferry Road to the Ohio River where they

crossed on a ferry boat into what is now southern Illinois.

Local historian Brenda Underdown says Flynn's Ferry Road was probably the longest in the county in its day. It went from Weston on the Ohio River all the way through Piney and into Caldwell County. When modern roads were built in the 20th century, Flynn's Ferry lost its identity.

Underdown recalls driving the long, lonely Blackburn

Church Road on Sunday afternoons with her mother many years ago.

"We'd just go out driving on Sundays. That's what people did back then," Underdown said. "We went down every road in the county, but mom never liked going out Blackburn Church Road because it was so desolate. That was back before cell phones, you

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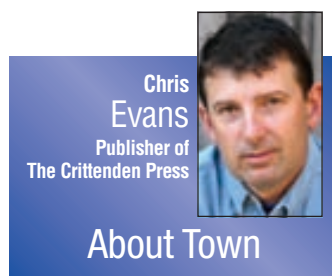
# Carrying on of family Christmas tradition requires mistletoe

A friend called the other night wanting to know if I had any mistletoe growing among trees on my property.

Told him I did not, and in fact, I had seldom seen any growing in Crittenden County.

As a child, I fondly remember it being as thick as gravy, growing high amid the tallest branches of oaks, cottonwoods and ash trees of western Tennessee. Around this time of year, when the forest's heaviest foliage was gone, we'd take a .22 rifle and pluck the stemmy greenery from its lofty lookout.

It was something of a Christmas tradition that my



dad would take me and my brother out into the woods and shoot down mistletoe. Sometimes we'd become aggravated by the low production from the small-caliber rifle and resort to a 12-gauge shotgun. Then, it'd rain mistletoe. Problem was, it had been blasted into small pieces like a finely-shredded

salad. Just piles of leaves and stems were left.

An enterprise was hatched around the harvesting of this evergreen plant that latches onto tree limbs like a parasite. A school teacher had asked me about bringing her a few pieces. Figured if she wanted mistletoe for her Christmas decorations that there was probably a broader market that could exploited for profit.

A few bullets later, I was in the mistletoe sales business. Mom helped by tying a ribbon around the stems. I bagged small shoots laced with white fabric and carried them to school in a sack.

Ended up making a little extra Christmas cash.

For 25 cents you get a piece of mistletoe ready to hang in a doorway. Most of you probably know that our holiday culture prescribes a kiss when two lovers are caught beneath a slice of mistletoe. Not only were the teachers eager to buy a stem or two, the boys in school figured it was a quick fix for some lip action. I sold out pretty quickly.

A piece with leaves and a berry would fetch 50 cents. The berries set it off, I guess. The piece with a touch of character was more attractive to customers. Birds tend to like the berries, too. I re-

member having to get the mistletoe early in the fall in order to find it full of fruit. Waiting late into the season would mean the birds had already eaten the round translucent berries.

For some reason, mistletoe doesn't appear as often in this particular part of Kentucky. I see it regularly the farther south I go. It's abundant around Murray. A dab of research indicates that the plant grows better in subtropic and tropical climates. Maybe we're just a little too far north?

If anyone knows where it can be found locally, I'd be interested in carrying on this tradition.



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EDITORIAL

Recount proved local election process sound

Last month's recount in the election for family court judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit proved that Kentucky's laws for guiding recounts are a bit vague, but moreso that our election process in Crittenden County is as sound as any.

State law allows for a recount of each individual vote in designated precincts in a particular race. In the three-county – Crittenden, Webster and Union counties – race for family court judge, Webster County attorney Ben Leonard's request for a recount at his own expense was not unjustified. The slim 50-vote margin of victory by Marion attorney Brandi Hagan Rogers from the 12,336 ballots cast on Election Day was enough to cast doubt in his mind about the certainty of the votes tallied.

Recounts are rare. In fact, none of the three affected county clerks or ruling circuit judge had experienced the process.

The exercise that ensued, with little specific guidance from Kentucky statues, may have been a bit arduous at times. However, with hours of research, consideration and counsel with Kentucky justices who have gone through the process, Circuit Judge René Williams presided over a process that went as fairly as one could expect.

The first day of the recount took place right here in Crittenden County, with the court plodding its way through the process. At the end of a long day, the recount ended with a vote tally exactly the same as on Election Day. The second day, however, did not go so smoothly in Webster County, as the integrity of a couple of ballot boxes could not be guaranteed. Imperfect practices in the election process there – with no fraud implied – led Judge Williams to dismiss the recount, leaving Rogers as the victor as was determined on Election Day.

Now in the rearview mirror, this recount proved that the jobs of Crittenden County poll workers, the board of elections, Election Day workers and chief election official Carolyn Byford are carried out in regard to the democratic process of voting with the utmost professionalism and attention to detail.

— GUEST EDITORIAL —

Shopping local over holidays directly benefits community

Shopping locally this holiday season directly benefits our community and the people who call it home. When we shop locally we are putting money back into our own community. For every dollar spent locally, it over five times in the community, benefiting not just one business but also five.

Our neighbors own local small businesses and it is comforting to know that our holiday shopping dollars are going to support a neighbor instead of a large corporation. Plus, the gifts bought locally are more apt to be unique and sometimes handmade. Recipients of these gifts find them more thoughtful than mass produced items and may induce them to shop with our local merchants, further benefiting our local economy.

Customer service is another great perk of shopping locally. When we don't have to wait in a long line or endure long waits on the phone or online, the holiday shopping experience can actually become a pleasant experience. And the added benefit of personal service cannot be overlooked.

Small business is the driving force of our local economy, providing jobs and economic stability. This holiday season remember our local small businesses; help your neighbor, your local economy and yourself.

— McCreary County Voice, Whitley City, Ky.

By TIM BURDON  
GUEST COMMENTARY

Once again alcohol raises its head to strike.

I would like to respectfully disagree with (Tyler) Collins' philosophy on bringing beer and wine to qualifying restaurants in Marion and suggest there is more going on here than what meets the eye.

His quote, "The dries are getting the best compromise they can get" is flawed. The thing is, I don't want alcohol in the City of Marion and don't want to compromise, no more than he wants to compromise and not have alcohol in Marion. Otherwise he would not be trying to bring wine and other spirits to the City of Marion's restaurants.

So we are opposing forces with equal rights to voice our opinion.

At times, compromise can be good. For example, a marital disagreement resolved.

However, compromise can also be very bad, because



Burdon

once you allow something, it is nearly impossible to ever go back. All it does is pave the way for further erosion and breakdown. Next it would be alcohol sales in all stores, then the county, etc. Then the result is what started in a few restaurants has spread to the whole county.

The Lord said it right in 1 Corinthians 5:6 when he said, "A little leaven, leaventh the whole lump."

Mr. Collins, there can be no compromise, only winners and losers. When you said your compromise is the best we can get, it is like saying since we can't keep sin out, we'll just sin a little; or since breaking the speed limit is wrong, we'll just break it a little.

It's either right or wrong. Another thing I disagree with in trying to bring alcohol into the city is the marketing ploy "Grow Marion," which is nothing more than a smokescreen to try and market something bad into

Letter from field explains Threlkeld's death

A World War II soldier known only as David, who was a friend of Carrsville native Pfc. Harry "Bud" Threlkeld during the war in Europe, continued to write at length to Threlkeld's mother, Mamie Elliot (previously Threlkeld), a letter detailing his time with Bud during the war in hope of giving her much needed closure surrounding her son's death and his experience prior to that.

Previously, he had been describing to her his own near-death experience and Threlkeld's involvement in that. He discussed the German town they were about to take over shortly before Threlkeld was killed in action.

He did not describe in his letter their tactics, but instead made a small illustration of how they took over this town. They had soldiers surrounding the entire area and swiftly closed in on the opposition. That included overpowering and taking control of the German tanks that were patrolling a hill slightly overlooking the town.

David wrote about the shift in Threlkeld's mood during their attack. He had explained that it was unusual for him to ever admit that he was scared. He had told David in confidence that he was before they had begun taking over the town which David found somewhat unnerving at the time.

"At a certain point later on, Bud was completely relaxed which was a relief. By the end of it, we ran some 500 Germans out of the town. It wasn't during that, but in the afternoon that Bud was killed. Then by 12

Alexa Black  
Crittenden Press  
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A Soldier's Life

at midnight, more Germans came out to attack us. They were out past the church, a little ways away from us, so Chester and our platoon left the town so we could reenter another way and retake the town.

"Mrs. Elliot, I do know that had Bud been at the hands of a surgeon within 1-2 hours after he was shot that he would be alive. The platoon medic of the 1st and 2nd Platoons had stayed with Harry to make him just as comfortable as possible. He was never hysterical, but he did realize that he was in bad shape. I think Harry lived for 2 hours after he was hit.

"The Germans had passed Bud's position at night. The following day, we searched everywhere looking for Bud's ring or wallet. The only thing he had left on him was his pocket knife that Charles (Bud's brother) had given him. Speaking of which, I hope Charles is doing well. Bud had told me so much about him.

"I often think of the stories about his patrols he had told me a hundred times, and I always laughed at the 100th time as hard as I did the first time he told me. Mrs. Elliot, I'm sure you know that Bud was a very brave man. He never once said, 'You go here' or 'Do this,' it was always,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A collage of photos and newspaper clippings related to Carrsville native Harry "Bud" Threlkeld shows him with his brother Charles and at a military outpost and his obituary from World War II.

'Follow me.' And he was always willing to lead the way."

One thing is for certain, Threlkeld had fought alongside those soldiers who had sacrificed so much to ensure that our great nation had stayed free, and that the threats from the opposition would be forever silenced. We owe a debt of gratitude to the soldiers who have paid the ultimate price for this cause, as well as those who were blessed enough to return from the battlefield unscathed such as Threlkeld's brother, Charles.

Those of us who did not have the pleasure of knowing Threlkeld outside of his letters should remember him for his bravery, tenacity, integrity and the unrelenting wit he had even while up against great opposition, despite dire circumstances, and remember him especially for his service.

(Alexa Black is a freelance writer from Livingston County. Her series on the life of Pfc. Harry M. "Bud" Threlkeld of Carrsville during World War II concludes this week.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer: Recycling right thing to do

To the editor

Thanks for the recent recycling editorial. There are times that I ask myself, "Why am I doing this?" Yet I continue to recycle because it's the right thing to do.

Next month, I will be 89 years of age. I cannot place the 30-gallon plastic bags into the recycling trailer, but I can set them down in the hope that someone else will pick them up and pitch them into the trailer.

The steel cans, where possible, are opened at both ends, then flattened. Not all cans can be done this way, but even so, the ordinary kitchen bag of them is too heavy for me to lift

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very far, but I do it.

Plastic bottles and jars are flattened when possible, either by hand or by my foot.

I try not to break glass bottles and jars. They are less

dangerous to handle when unbroken, but they are more bulky to handle.

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, etc., are each bagged separately, as are ce-

real box-type materials and cardboard.

I wait until I can fill the trunk of my vehicle – usually two months – then I do my weekly shopping afterward.

Prior to 2008, I resided in southern Illinois, but drove to Indiana to recycle. It was probably 17 miles each way, but there again, I did shopping or other things so that it was not just to recycle.

I believe that recycling is a positive action. I would like to see a building with bins that are more accessible and out of the weather, but I have adapted to what we have available and will continue to recycle as long as I am physically able.

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PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS  
Cathy Hunt and Pat Moore, members of Beta Sigma Phi women's social sorority in Marion, decorate the gazebo at the courthouse, giving it some Christmas dressing ahead of Saturday's parade that will pass along Main Street.

# Christmas adornments bring holiday season to life in town

STAFF REPORT  
With the Christmas season in full swing, residents of Marion and Crittenden County may have noticed the new decorations that adorn both the street lights through town and fully-decorated Christmas tree at Marion Commons.

Many citizens have remarked how the new decorations amplify the holiday season and the City of Marion, according to tourism officials.

Darrick Myers, chairman of the Marion Tourism Commission, said the commission appreciates the kind remarks regarding the new decorations.

"The tourism commission is excited for the community's overwhelming positive response to the Christmas decorations. We've wanted to spruce up the Christmas decorations for a few years now and this year the timing was

right," Myers said. "We wanted to give something back to the community for the holidays. Marion needed a big Christmas tree. Hopefully, this is just the first phase and we'll be able to add more in the upcoming years."

The tourism commission paid for the greenery and lights adorning street lamps as well as the Christmas tree, while city employees erected the decorations.

## PARADE

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best at anything they ever tried to do," Duvall said. "He was a very noble person."

Following that pattern, Duvall said he enjoys the interaction with his own students, as they grow and mature into adults. His goal is to instill in them the importance of contributing to society.

"I try to teach about responsibility to community," he said. "To always be willing to give back."

As an example of giving back to the community, for the second consecutive year, the FFA sponsored a community food drive at the high school to help stock food pantries in the area. Duvall said it's important that students understand about making a positive impact in their community.

"I love the community. It's very similar to where I was born and raised in Muhlenberg County," he said. "When I came here, I felt accepted and fit into the community well."

When asked about his se-

lection as grand marshal of this year's Christmas parade, Duvall said he was surprised upon learning.

"It's quite an honor," he said. "I really didn't expect anything like that. I just am very blessed to have the people in the community to support me and our programs."

Duvall's wife, Tammy, is assistant principal at the high school. They have one son, John Claude.

This year's Christmas parade begins at 1 p.m. Saturday. Individuals still have until this Friday to register parade entries.

## Country Club pursuing sale to individual

STAFF REPORT  
Amid financial strains, Marion Country Club's board of directors has chosen to pursue the sale of the club to a private investor.

On Nov. 25, the board weighed several options to keep the struggling private club afloat, including a dues increase, offering additional stock and possibly selling to an individual investor interested in keeping the club open to membership.

Billy Fox, board president, said last week that the club remains solvent, but action is needed to keep the club from operating at an annual shortfall. Fox cited declining membership as a major reason for the club's struggles.

He estimates that at one time, the club had close to 300 members. Currently, that number is around 60, he said.

"We've lost so many members to death and aging," Fox said.

A recent letter to club shareholders from the board of directors explained the necessity for change.

"...The past few years have been difficult ones for your club due to the increased cost of most everything we buy, and more importantly, the decreased revenue being generated since our membership continues to decline," the letter read. "Action must be taken if our club is to survive."

Fox was not at liberty to name the potential investor, but asserted that the individual, who has local ties, is interested in keeping the private club open while upgrading its nine-hole golf course, swimming pool and clubhouse.

"He wants to improve the club for the community," Fox said. "I don't think his goal is to change a lot."

In Loving Memory of

# Mike Hamilton

— Feb. 26, 1967 - Dec. 3, 2013 —

*Two people together, Two hearts in accord,  
Two lives lived in love... A gift from the Lord.*

You bought this on a plaque for me, just about a month before you went to be with the Lord. You were definitely a gift from the Lord!! I love and miss you more than I could ever put in words!!!

You are in our thoughts every day. Not a day goes by that a tear is not shed. You were the best....the best husband and father we could ask for.

*We love and miss you more each day,*

Margie and Michael

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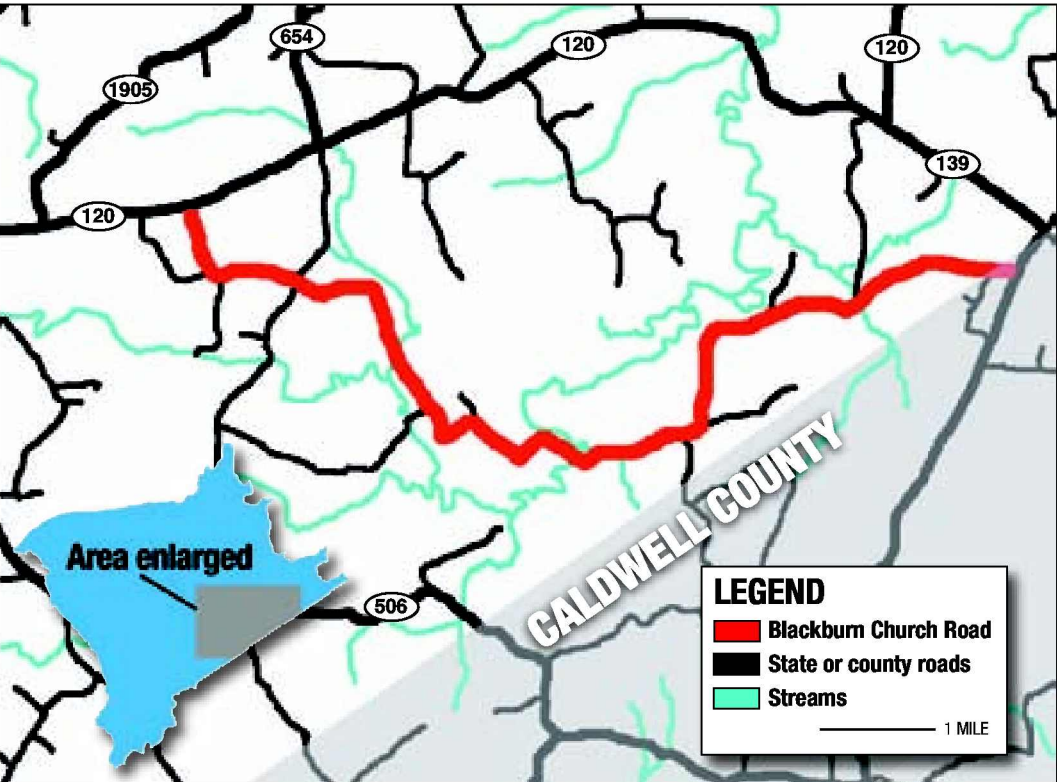
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At just under 10 miles long, Blackburn Church Road is the longest county-maintained road in Crittenden County. There are 17 permanent residences along the narrow route that runs from Ky. 120 near Tribune in the eastern quadrant of the county to Ky. 139 in a remote corner of Caldwell County. Below, Blackburn Church still stands as a reminder of Rev. Elijah Bell Blackburn, who started the tiny house of worship for which the road is named. Hailed for hunting grounds, farmland and timberland along the route, it's not uncommon to find an ATV rider traveling down the winding road.

ROAD

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know.  
"Mom was always afraid something would happen to us way out there," she added.  
Nowadays, you're more likely to encounter a deer hunter than a local inhabitant.  
"There aren't many people out in this area until deer season," quipped Blackburn Church Road resident Bill Towery. "During hunting season, the population explodes."  
Last month, Jim Minor was found coming out of a gap in a fence along the roadway. He's one of the guys who flock to the area for hunting each fall. Minor hails from Ooltewah, Tenn., near Chattanooga.  
"This is a fantastic place to hunt," Minor said. "We've been coming here several years."



Minor leases property from Jerry Paris, who retired to area a few years back and bought a sizable tract of land. Westvaco was once the largest landowner along Blackburn Church Road. The paper company had thousands of acres of timber assets from one end of the road to the other.  
"Westavco really changed that area," said Sarah Ford, a former Marion City Council member whose family thrived along Tribune Creek for decades. She remembers when the paper manufacturing company bought up all the small farms, cut the hardwood timber then planted pine trees throughout the hills and hollows. Pulp from pinewood was a predominate ingredient in paper-making for many years.  
In 2002, Westvaco – which had merged into MeadWestvaco – sold all of its Crittenden County property, around 10,000 acres. Land speculators and sportsmen latched onto big chunks of property at that time, buying it for as little as \$600 an acre.  
"It has sold for two and three times that amount since then," Towery said.  
Towery is retired from the power company Kenegy Corp. He helped electrify most of the houses along the road and knows nearly everyone by name.  
Right across from his house, which is on the back side of Pine Bluff Knob, Towery said legend has it that horse racing once occurred and folks were known to place a wager on who had the fastest mount. There's a half-mile stretch of road that's straight as an arrow just before Piney Creek, ideal for such activity.  
"That's where they raced, on that straightaway," Towery said.  
Piney Creek is one of many streams that cross or flank Blackburn Church Road. The roadway lies amid the watershed of the Tradewater River. Amid the basin are Piney, Sugar Creek, Little Piney, Gum Creek, Tribune Creek, Butler Creek, Bugg's Branch and Alexander Creek, to name

a few.  
When Piney leaves its banks, Blackburn Church Road goes under water. It also floods along the old Alexander Bottoms near where the large sandstone rock fell off Pine Bluff a year ago, blocking traffic for several days until the county chiseled it apart with a trackhoe attachment.  
That was the second time in recent history that a rock had fallen off the bluff and blocked traffic for a period of time.  
Where it is prone to flooding, Blackburn Church Road is gravel. The county doesn't blacktop it because regular floodwaters would undermine the pavement. Part of Blackburn Church Road is chip seal surface and part of it is new asphalt.  
Dan Wood is the magistrate for this particular area of the county. He said another half-mile or so is scheduled to be blacktopped this fall. Wood would like to see the entire road with some type of hard surface, especially near the church, but gravel is less expensive to maintain. Many of Wood's maternal ancestors are buried at the Blackburn Church Cemetery. His family has lived in the area for generations.  
"One of our favorite things was riding four-wheelers on Sunday afternoons," Wood said. "There are miles and miles of wilderness back in there."  
Almost all of the old family farms along Blackburn Church Road have been purchased by out-of-towners. Some immigrated here, but most use the land recreationally, visiting only for hunting seasons or weekend retreats.  
There are very few row crops on the route. Most of the grain grown parallel to the roadway are in Alexander Bottoms and on the ridges above it. A farming outfit from Union County does the work, leasing

the land for planting and harvesting.  
Evidence of several cattle farms exists today, but there are very few cows present. Harold Grace, a retired school teacher, lives near Tribune Creek across the hollow from Pine Bluff Knob. He raised cattle for many years, but quit about three years ago when the local livestock barn stopped having regular auctions in Marion. It's too much trouble to haul his cows farther away, Grace said.  
He and his wife Pam live in one of the two so-called "metropolitan areas" of Blackburn Church Road. A metro area in this scantily inhabited part of the world can be defined as two or more homes within a half-mile of one another. There are two such spots on the entire road – where Grace lives and near the intersection of McConnell Road. The rest of the homes are spread out generously along its course.  
Odessa School once held classes near the intersection of McConnell and Blackburn Church roads. It's been closed for decades, but the former schoolhouse remains standing and is now home to one of the members of the Ryan family. Maddie (Ryan) and her husband Will Topp renovated the old building a few years ago and lived there for a while. It didn't have electricity or plumbing when they started. There are two other houses right near the old schoolhouse.  
There was once a large feedlot owned by C&C Cattle Co. near the end of the road and there is some archeological evidence of other industry, perhaps a saw mill between Gum Creek and Ky. 139. Otherwise, Blackburn Church Road is an unspooled ribbon of natural space and organic beauty. To some, it's a lonely stretch of rural road; to others it's paradise.

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# False biblical teaching is deadly

God stated on one occasion in Hosea 4:6, "My people are being destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Proverbs 1:7 states, "The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

The sad thing is, the atheists aren't the only ones disseminating the false teachings.

Certainly, atheists, who are found by the hundreds in our colleges and universities teaching our captive young people the Bible is a hoax and that there is no God and all who believe it are ignorant, will find their place in hell with the rich man calling on someone to help them as they are tormented in the flames, along with the millions of poor souls they have led there in a false academia pride.

But Jesus had even harsher words for those who claim to know the Bible and teach it falsely.

Jesus warned in Matthew 24:11-12, "And many false teachers shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

God has not made the way complicated, but really very simple for the spiritual mind.

He has promised that when we seek after Him with our whole hearts we shall find Him, Jeremiah 29:13 tells us.

A statement to remember from Isaiah 35:8 is, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

Education is wonderful, depending on what kind we get. But what we do with it is what matters.

Here, we are told that the way God has for us, the way of holiness, is so simple



that the fool shall not err therein.

God is a reasonable God. He even says to us, "Come let us reason together." Just a little reason will nullify most false religion on the spot.

Jesus taught us to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength and love our neighbor as our self. That nullifies the Muslim religion immediately, as it claims to love God, but hates its neighbor unless it agrees with the teachings of Islam.

There is a doctrine that says it is Christian which claims you can't be born again until after death and you see God. Yet Jesus said in John 3:3, "You must be born again or you will never see the Kingdom of God."

They also teach the Kingdom of God cannot be in a human being, because it is an earthly kingdom. Yet Jesus said in Luke 17:21, "The Kingdom of God is within you."

Explaining that, Paul told the Romans in Romans 14:17, "The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Another false teaching is that when we leave this world, we go to the grave with this piece of clay. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 12:5,7, "Man goes to his long home...Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it."

There are those who go to a priest to get forgiveness for their sins. Yet the Bible says in 1st Timothy 2:5, "There is only one mediator

between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

Some teach that Jesus did not die for all men, only the ones God chooses to save, and He only decides who can be saved.

Yet Paul said 1st Timothy 2:3-6, "God, our Savior, will have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth...who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time."

Jesus stressed in His prayer to God in John 17 that His people were to be kept in God's name, yet all kinds of names are put out there on signs and above doors as ownership, except God's.

Many are teaching God does not send people to hell for the sins of homosexuality and lesbianism. Yet God said they would suffer His wrath and be destroyed in Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; and Romans 1:26-32.

Many teach it doesn't matter to God how many times you divorce and remarry. Yet Jesus said in Luke 16:18, "Whosoever puts away his wife, and married another, commiteth adultery: and whosoever marries her that is put away from her husband commiteth adultery."

Jesus condemns all kinds of adultery and fornication, saying they who do such things cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. Look how all these "live-ins" will suffer hell forever if they do not repent and get their lives in accordance with God's word, not man's.

We ministers are to preach God's word and lead people to it and let them see it in print.

Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

Too many people are willing to take someone else's word for their eternal destiny. I'm not. So be sure you

are born again, then read the Bible yourself and ask God to teach you as you read it. He sends His Holy Spirit to teach His own, who is the best teacher and teaches all alike, but man can bring in confusion.

One of the seven missions of the Holy Spirit is to teach us all things, when He lives in us, John 14:26 tells us.

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil," reads Proverbs 8:13.

Many are taught that once they are saved, they can never be lost. Their scripture for that teaching is where Jesus said (quoting from the Greek Interlinear New Testament): "and anyone shall not seize them out of the hand of my Father." This is true, as no one can, but the only authority we have on that is God, and He said in Ezekiel 33:13 that sin will.

This same teaching says all men sin in word or deed, and cannot live holy. Yet the Bible says in Hebrews 12:14, "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord."

This teaching was brought over from the apostate church which had a similar system but was a little different in that if their members died with sin in their lives, they would still go to Heaven if a certain amount of prayers and money were given.

Remember the declaration of the Beloved John in 1st John 2:4, "He that says I know Him, and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Be not deceived! God wants all to come to repentance, live a godly life, and end up with Him in Heaven, and so do I.

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

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OBITUARIES

Floyd

Edward Gerald Floyd, 76, of Marion died Nov. 25, 2014, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

He had been employed in the automotive industry.

Floyd is survived by two sons, Marty Alan Floyd of Westland, Mich., and Charles Floyd of Westland; a daughter, Jeral Dean Newell of Lovonia, Mich.; a sister, Louise Rhe of Tennessee; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Imogene Walker Floyd; his wife, Charline Furgerson Floyd; a brother, Doyle Floyd; and a sister, Helen Lovan.

Funeral services were Monday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Graveside services were Tuesday at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Madisonville.



Floyd

Duncan

Sandra "Sandy" Frederick Duncan, 46, of Fredonia died Nov. 29, 2014, at home following a long illness.

She was born Oct. 8, 1968, in Providence. She was a home-maker and a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Duncan is survived by her husband, Daniel Earl Duncan of Fredonia; her father, Donald Frederick of Champagne, Ill.; a son, Devin Earl Duncan of Fredonia; and two sisters, Cindy Frederick of Princeton and Tammy Guill of Princeton.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Judy Daughtery Hook.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Madisonville at a later date.



Duncan

Cook

Frankie Estelle Cook, 93, of Marion died Nov. 29, 2014, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

She was a member of Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Cook is survived by two sons, Doyle "Clippy" (Kay Tolley) Hughes of Marion and David F. (John) Cook of Dallas; a daughter, Nancy R. Robertson of Marion; grandchildren, Pam (Tracy) Myrick of Lola, Wes (Madelyn) Hughes of Smyrna, Tenn., and Christy Jo (J.R.) Irwin of Oliver Springs, Tenn.; great-grandchildren, Austin Williams, Alex Williams, Kolter Hughes, Trey White, Sabrina White and Yessenia White; and a brother, Bruce (Sue) Belt of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank J. and Myrtle Belt; her first husband, Marvin Hughes; her second husband, Austin Cook; and a brother, Harold Belt.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Maplevue Cemetery.

Donations may be made to: Maplevue Cemetery, 413 Sturgis Road, Marion, KY 42064; or Love Cemetery, 261 Country Dr., Marion, KY 42064.



Cook

Newcom

Belva Ann Carter Newcom, 63, of Elizabethtown, Ky., died Nov. 28, 2014, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown.

She was a native of Big Springs, Ky., a member of Elizabethtown Baptist Church and was retired from Fort Knox Ireland Army Hospital where she had worked as a medical transcriber. She was also a member of the last graduating class of Flaherty High School.

Newcom is survived by her husband, Randy Newcom of Elizabethtown; and a brother, Chris Carter of Bardstown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry L. and Phyllis Carolyn Hastings Carter.

Funeral services were Monday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Elizabethtown Baptist Church Music Ministry, 1525 N. Miles St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.



Newcom

Henry

Dorothy M. Grimes Henry, 80, of Dycusburg died Nov. 30, 2014, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was a member of Dycusburg Methodist Church.

Henry is survived by three sons, Joe Allen Grimes of Dycusburg, Timothy Grimes of Dycusburg and Steven Glenn Grimes of Dawson Springs; a daughter, Evelyn Gail Lindsey of Marion; two sisters, Helen

Teer of Paducah and Clarice Coleman of Madisonville; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Beulah and Marion Henry; a daughter, Marcella Ann Kinnis; three brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Dycusburg Cemetery.

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McConnell

Etta Louise McConnell, 86, of Marion died Nov. 26, 2014, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews

McConnell was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. McConnell; her parents, Ben and Tinnie Wesmoland; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Maplevue Cemetery.

Maddox

Dennis James Maddox, 65, of Marion died Nov. 25, 2014, at Baptist Health Paducah.

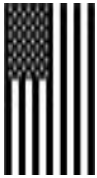
He was an Army veteran and member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Maddox is survived by his wife, Brenda Kay Maddox of Marion; two daughters, Kim Orr of Marion and Britt Gardner of Marion; two sisters, Sue Buntin of Marion and Sheila McCammon of Palestine, Ill.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Keith and Velma Irene Maddox; and a daughter, Cassidy Denise Maddox.

Funeral services were Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Maplevue Cemetery. Military rites were held at the cemetery.

Donations may be made to: Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, 90 Church Ave., Marion, KY 42064.



Fritts

Nina Mae Fritts, 75, of Marion died Dec. 1, 2014, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Prior to retirement, she had worked at Potter and Brumfield in Marion.

Fritts is survived by four sons, Larry Fritts of Eddyville, Ronnie Fritts of St. Claire, Mich., Donnie Fritts of San Antonio and Barry Fritts of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; a sister, Martha Watson of Farmersville, Ky.; a brother, Rev. Wendell Ordway; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Lizzie Watson Ordway; her husband, Marshall Leon Fritts; a sister; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Visitation was 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Fritts

Driver

Robert Roy Driver, 78, of Marion died Nov. 29, 2014, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

He is survived by his son, Larry Dale Driver of Bowling Green; a daughter, Teresa Wilkerson of Springfield, Tenn.; three brothers, Melvin Lee Driver of Aroma, Ill., Marvin Douglas Driver of Marion and Curtis Alvin Driver of Marion; three sisters, Virginia Yandell of Marion, Janie Asbridge of Marion and Geneva Patterson of Marion; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Driver was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Harrell Driver; a son, David Allen Driver; and his parents, Roy Lee and Virginia Pearl Driver.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Freedom Cemetery.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Wheeler

Edward Bruce "Eddie" Wheeler Jr., 66, of Marion died Nov. 27, 2014, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion.

He was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Wheeler is survived by his wife, Karen Wheeler of Marion; three sons, Mike and wife Cassie Wheeler of Clarksville, Tenn., Kevin Wheeler of Marion and Dustin Wheeler of Marion; a brother, David Wheeler of Marion; a granddaughter, Kara Ann Wheeler of Clarksville; two step-grandchildren, Katrease Hale of Lansing, Mich., and Kasey Hale of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Bruce and Mary Emma Wheeler Sr.

Services were Sunday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Maplevue Cemetery.

Donations may be made to: Gideons International, P.O. Box 304, Salem, KY 42078.



Guess

Guess

Joel Guess, 45, of Eddyville died Dec. 1, 2014, at Caldwell Medical Center in Princeton.

He was a project manager for Codell Construction and a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Paducah.

Guess is survived by his parents, Vernon and Hazel Greenlee Guess of Kuttawa; two daughters, Rachael Guess of Lexington and Madison Guess of Eddyville; a stepdaughter, Britney and husband Adam Long of Eddyville; a stepson, Evan Strack of Eddyville; a brother, Craig and wife Susan Guess of Paducah; two sisters, LaVonn and husband Randall Rogers of Princeton and Lori and husband Dennis Duff of Kuttawa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kristy Tabor Guess, and two brothers, Vernon Bradley Guess Jr. and Mark Guess.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Randall Rogers officiating. Burial will follow in Macedonia Church Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Joel Guess Memorial Fund, c/o Fifth Third Bank, 418 Newman Circle, Eddyville, KY 42038. This fund is for the benefit of Rachael and Madison Guess.

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# Give gifts that improve health of family, friends

Holiday feasting, snacking and partying could add extra weight that is difficult to shed in the new year. Many times around the holidays we give gifts of candies, cookies, pies and other baked goods.

While these items could be eaten in moderation, we also have the option of giving gifts that would improve the health of family members, friends and co-workers. As you consider gift giving this year, include gifts



for people on your list that would help them increase their health.

Suggestions for healthy food related gifts include:

- Fruits - Give fresh fruits

in a basket. Place some straw or crinkle paper at the bottom of a basket. Place a variety of fruits in the basket and wrap, tie a bow. Using under ripe fruits is best.

Other basket ideas include:

- Cheese, crackers, dried fruits and nuts wrapped similar to the fruit basket
- Olive and flavored vinegars. Add a loaf of whole wheat or other whole grain bread
- Salsas and dips

- Herb seasonings and rubs

Pasta basket - whole wheat pasta, spaghetti sauces, olive oil, dried parmesan cheese

- Soup
- Seeds and grains

Healthy non-food gift items include:

- Gym and fitness class membership
- Certificate for massages
- Active family vacation
- Clothes and gears for work-out

Action for Healthy Kids has some ideas for activities and gifts for your kids:

- Make a healthy toolbox for kids. Give toys that can be used inside during inclement weather. Include balls, jump ropes, bubbles and chalk for hopscotch.
- Embrace the cold. Snow toys, skis, sleds and skates make cold weather fun.

Make the most of screen time. Kids of all ages love motion-controlled video games, music video dance

games and exercise DVDs.

Active toys - Don't forget the favorites. Bikes, tricycles, pogo sticks, roller or inline skates and scooters have always kept kids moving.

(Nancy Hunt is the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service for Crittenden County. For more information on programming, contact the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.)

# Ruhl named new 4-H Extension Service agent

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County's Cooperative Extension Service will soon have a new agent for 4-H and youth development. Madeline Ruhl has accepted the position. Her first day on the job will be Jan. 5.

"I'm just excited to be part of it and to meet everybody," she said. "I've heard good things about Crittenden County."

Ruhl, who grew up in Louisville, currently resides in Elizabethtown, Ky., and for the past year has worked with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It's a position Ruhl said she enjoys and will mirror her duties as a 4-H agent in Crittenden County. As conservation educator, Ruhl visits local elementary and middle schools and speaks with students about wildlife and concepts in nature. Over the summer, she worked with students during conservation camp at



Ruhl

Crittenden County youth to annual summer camp in Dawson Springs. She will also work to create school and special interest clubs and coordinate 4-H exhibitions during the Crittenden County Fair.

While at Western Illinois University, Ruhl was a graduate assistant at Horn Field Campus. As natural resources manager, her responsibilities included creating, marketing and implementing programs on environmental education. She also worked a variety of special events including fundraisers and open houses.

She gained experience at

the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge near Benton. There, she worked with a variety of educational programs including teaching youths to fish and participate in hiking exercises. She helped with programs that were designed for special needs youth and adults and school groups of varying ages.

During the course of her work, Ruhl has worked with youths in 4-H, engaging them in team building exercises. She also has a background in science, technology, engineering and math, STEM, and hopes to educate youths in areas such as geology.

She encourages youths to participate in 4-H because its various activities allow them to explore subjects they like and can learn more about. She's also looking forward to beginning her new career at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and meeting members within the community.



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## Living history lesson

World War II veteran and author Mike Freeland of Hopkinsville discusses his experiences in France and Germany while serving as a combat medic during the war. Freeland was a guest of Crittenden County High School teacher Kim Vince and her Horizons Club. Freeland is the author of "Blood River to Berlin." He went into occupied France shortly after D-Day and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge. Pictured listening to Freeland are (from left) Emily Tinsley, Meredith Evans and Francesca Pierce.



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

## McDonald's donates to CCES

First-graders at Crittenden County Elementary School will soon be the recipients of FitPro Ball Chairs thanks to a donation made by Ronald McDonald charities. The chairs help students with attentiveness, building motor skills, strengthening and balance. Last week, Stephanie Maness, general manager of McDonald's in Marion, and Teresa Copeland, supervisor of the restaurant, presented CCES first-grade teacher Daphne James with a \$1,834.71 check to purchase the chairs. They are expected to arrive in a couple of weeks. Shown above are (front, from left) students Andrea Federico, Jaxon Belt, Brianna Walker, Quinn Summers and Rianna Maness; (back row) Copeland, James and Maness.

## Christmas production to be held in Smithland

STAFF REPORT

Smithland Area Chamber of Commerce will present a Christmas Courtyard Spectacular program from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 14 at the old courthouse in Smithland. All churches, denominations and chorus groups are invited to participate in the community choir.

The event begins with the Livingston County School District Children's Choir. At 5 p.m., the Community Adult Choir will sing Christmas carols. The Smithland Baptist Church Christmas play will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the reading of "The Christmas Story" with Santa Claus, live music and a bonfire social.

In addition to the festivities, a canned good collection will be conducted to benefit the Livingston County Helping Hands food bank.



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## Sharing blessings

Marion Baptist Church's annual Thanksgiving Day dinner prepared 273 meals last Thursday either delivered to area homes or served inside the church's Family Life Center.

## SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, lima beans, wheat bread slice and dreamsicle gelatin.
- Friday: Bingo begins at

9:30 a.m. Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered spinach, seasoned cabbage, cornbread and apple cobbler.

- Monday: Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Nutrition Lesson with Sue Parrent begins at 10 a.m. Menu is chuckwagon on wheat bun, vegetable soup and baked apples.
- Tuesday: Menu is barbecue chicken, whole kernel corn, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll and tropical fruit.
- Wednesday: Menu is meatloaf, stewed potatoes, seasoned cabbage, cornbread and peach crisp.
- Next Thursday: Menu is chicken pot pie, twice-baked potato, green beans, wheat bread slice and Mandarin oranges.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

- The Crittenden County Animal Shelter will hand out spay/neuter vouchers to the residents of Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties from 9 a.m. until noon. Vouchers are \$50 and cover the cost of a spay/neuter on a dog or cat. Participating vets are Animal Practice of Marion, Crittenden County Animal Clinic, Flanary Veterinary Clinic, Lyon County Animal Hospital, Princeton Veterinary Clinic, Rogers Veterinary Clinic, Stone Veterinary Clinic, Tradewater Animal Hospital and Williams Veterinary Clinic. Vouchers are good for 90

days with no refunds.

- Marion will hold its annual Christmas parade beginning at 1 p.m.
- Marion National Guard Reunion will be held at the Lions Club building. For more information contact Brent Nelson at (270) 704-1392 or Roger Lubben at (270) 625-0971.

**Sunday, Dec. 7**

- Jones 88 Dip will host a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., benefitting Crittenden County Shelter Helpers. All proceeds go toward medical bills for the treatment of sick or injured animals that come into the shelter. A donation jar and stuff the truck event will also be held at this

time for pet food and cat litter.

**Monday, Dec. 8**

- Crittenden Health Systems will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the education building.
- Crittenden County Elementary School's SBDM Council will meet at 4 p.m. at the school.

**Saturday, Dec. 13**

- The Salem Lighted Christmas Parade will be held at 5:30 p.m. This year's grand marshal will be J.W. Clarke.

**Saturday, Dec. 20**

- A Christmas party for residents of Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 3**

- EMT classes will begin at 6 p.m., at the Caldwell County Vocational School. The classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday, January through June. Those interested must register by Dec. 10. Cost of the class will be due at that time. Individuals need to bring a copy of their driver's license and Social Security card.

**On-going events**

- "Sew Much Fun" 4-H sewing club meetings will meet from 3:15 to 5 p.m., the second and fourth Mondays at the Crittenden County Extension Service.

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# Collins places at national and grand national levels

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County High School student Mauri Collins earned top honors competing in the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention held Oct. 10-13 in Lexington. Collins submitted three 4-H exhibits for the convention in addition to competing in public speaking. She placed at both the National and Grand National levels.

In the photography category, Collins received the Grand National Award Medallion in Horticulture Collection, which consisted of six photographs that could be in black and white or color. She received the Grand National Award Medallion in the Young America Horticulture Project (composting), which is designed to create awareness of and stimulate interest in various areas in

horticulture for younger gardeners. She received a good designation in photography in the Single Unedited category. Collins also received the National Award Medallion for public speaking with optional visual aids in the 10 to 14 year-old age group.

The horticulture collection and the Young American Environmental Awareness project were originally submitted as 4-H entries through the county level and advanced to the Kentucky State Fair. While not a prerequisite for participation in the NJHA competition, 4-H was how Collins became aware of the other competitions. She received her first recognition from NJHA in 2010, with an outstanding designation in Single Unedited Photography. In 2011 she received a Grand National Award



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Mauri Collins placed at both the National and Grand National levels at the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention held Oct. 10-13 in Lexington.

Medallion for the Best of Class entry in Sequence of Four Photographs that tells a visual story. This year's photos were taken following the state 4-

H Communications event at the Lexington Arboretum, the State Botanical Garden of Kentucky.

Collins said it seems as one competition ends, it's time to prepare for the next, adding that a big part of photography is always being ready to snap the perfect photo.

"I was excited when I heard that I had won the Grand National Awards, especially since the photography competition was open to people up to 22 years old," Collins said. "Since the convention was in Lexington this year, I was able to compete on-site in the speaking contest instead of just submitting projects by mail. The most interesting thing was seeing people from across the country and how involved they are in horticulture."

In regard to the compost-

ing project, Collins said it was nice to know that something done in one's own backyard is worthy of national recognition. In her speech on composting, Collins emphasized composting is just as important as conserving energy and recycling paper and about half of the 250 million tons of trash Americans produce each year is compostable.

Collins' parents, Stuart and Pam Collins of Marion, are proud of their daughter's dedication.

"Mauri has the ability to think through a project and see the end result. She sees things that other people don't observe as we go about our daily routine," Stuart Collins said. "Pam and I are proud that she is developing skills that she can use throughout her lifetime."



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## FFA students take first place

Crittenden County's FFA Chapter participated in two regional contests and one regional invitational event on Nov. 25. The chapter took six local members to participate. The Agricultural Sales team consisting of Jessi Brewer, Alyssa Curtis, Cali Parish and Alexis Tabor competed against eight other teams in the region and placed first. They will represent the region in June of next year at the Kentucky State FFA Convention. Also, placing second in the Job Interview category was Kasey Herrin. Emmalea Barnes participated in the FFA Creed Speaking event. While the students were not ranked, Barnes received very positive comments on her presentation from all the judges. Pictured above are (from left) Emmalea Barnes, Kasey Herrin, Cali Parish, Alexis Tabor, Jessi Brewer and Alyssa Curtis.

# Oratorical contest scholarships available to local high schoolers

STAFF REPORT  
High school students under the age of 20 in Crittenden County join others in several western Kentucky counties who are eligible to compete for some of the most generous scholarships available.

In fact, the scholarships available in the 2015 American Legion Oratorical Contest include:

- National contest winner gets an \$18,000 scholarship.
- Second place takes home \$16,000.
- Third place gets \$14,000.

Additional scholarship funds are disbursed to district, area and state winners and runners-up. Crittenden County lies in District 1.

During the first phase, contestants are required to speak on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with an emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. The second phase of the competition will ask the student to speak on an assigned topic.

Additional information about the contest is available at [www.kylegion.org](http://www.kylegion.org).

The District 1 contest will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 25 at Murray. The site will be provided to contestants and is contingent upon the number of contestants.

Students who would like to sign up to compete in this year's contest must send their contact information no later than Jan. 16.

Send your name, phone number and email address along with the school you attend to [usmc1965@bell-south.net](mailto:usmc1965@bell-south.net) or call Mark Kennedy, District One Coordinator, at (270) 752-3333 for additional information.

## Press reader challenges son to solve note mystery

STAFF REPORT  
A local mystery has been solved, thanks to the persistence of a Crittenden Press reader who engaged the detection services of her son to find the solution.

A few weeks ago, The Crittenden Press published the account of how Crittenden County resident Caden DeBoe found a message inside a bottle at Dam 50 during a church picnic in September. Inside the bottle was a \$1 bill and a business card.

Printed on one side of the card read: Dan's Sharpening Service

High Quality Sharpening for Chefs and Restaurants

Sharpening done at your location

On the other side of the card was the name Damien Hughes from Poseyville, Ind.

Caden's mother, Tiffany DeBoe, said they had tried Internet searches but had not been able to locate the individual who sent the message in the bottle.

Marion resident Ermine Clifford sent a copy of the original newspaper article to her son, Alan Clifford, who lives in Posey County, Ind. Since the card mentioned Poseyville, Ind., she asked him to follow up on the only clue.

"She challenged me to solve the mystery," Clifford said, who first did a little research on the Internet and Facebook about Dan's

Sharpening Service. That lead proved to be cold.

He deduced the note could have been sent by a school-age child, so he visited the local elementary in Poseyville, Ind. It turned out Clifford was on the right track. Although a student by the name Damien Hughes no longer attended the elementary school, he was now enrolled in the junior high school. After visiting the school, Clifford provided the article to school officials, who then contacted Damien's mother, Misty Hughes.

"It didn't take long," Clifford said about his first case as a private investigator. "It just seemed like something that needed to be done. That and my mother's letter challenged me to solve the mystery."

An Army veteran and former Cub and Boy Scout leader, Clifford said the writing on the card looked like a young boy's handwriting.

Misty Hughes said her family went camping around the Fourth of July and fished along the Wabash River. It turns out Dan, of Dan's Sharpening Service, was also staying at the same campground during that week and became an acquaintance of a relative of Damien's father.

Hughes said they were told Dan has homes in Colorado and Virginia and travels back and forth between the two. He sharpens knives professionally for restaurants.

After Damien found the bottle on a boat ramp, Dan provided the business card, \$1 bill and a Sharpe pen for Damien to write his name on the card and throw the bottle into the Wabash.

Damien, 13, said he initially wondered if the note in the bottle would make its way along the Ohio River and flow into the Mississippi River. He said he had seen movies about individuals discovering messages in bottles and wanted to write his own message.

"I just thought it was pretty cool to see how the current travels," Damien said, adding that relatives thought the bottle would probably get lodged in some sticks or debris along the river.

While not making it to the mighty Mississippi, the message in the bottle did make its way to Crittenden County and provided an entertaining tale for two young boys, their families, and the son of a weekly reader of The Crittenden Press.

**Jones 88 Dip will be hosting a PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
for the Crittenden County Shelter Helpers  
**December 7 • 7:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*100% of proceeds go toward the medical bills that have been acquired for the treatment of the sick or injured animals that come into the shelter.*

A donation jar will be set up too. Plus we are doing a "Fill The Truck Event", collecting dog food, cat food, litter, chew toys, treats and blankets to help through the winter.



**Community Christmas FUNDRAISER EVENT**  
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Crittenden County EdTech Center  
Free Parking and Admission  
Over 30 Vendors!  
*All proceeds go to Community Christmas*



## Give the ultimate gift for the holiday season

STAFF REPORT  
It's the ultimate holiday gift: donating the gift of life. Blood donations are important during the holiday season.

Representatives from the West Kentucky Regional Blood Center have stressed supplies of A-negative, B-negative and O-negative blood are critically low.

To help increase blood supplies, West Kentucky Regional Blood Center and Crittenden Health Systems will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 8, at the Crittenden Health Systems education

room.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 years with parental consent. Donors should also weigh at least 110 pounds and should check medications they are taking with blood center staff.

Donors are encouraged to eat a good meal prior to donating.

Finally, donors are asked to wait 56 days between whole blood donations.

For more information on donating blood, contact the Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center toll free at (888) 684-9296.

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# County attorney recognized for child support collections

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson's office was recognized last month by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) as one of the top-performing child support collection partners in the commonwealth.

Johnson's office was identified as one of the 10 top performing counties with 1,000 or fewer cases be-

tween July 2013 and June 2014.

"It is always an honor to be recognized for a job well done," said Johnson of the recognition. "The cases we work and the children we help have changed over the years, but we have consistently worked hard to enforce child support obligations and help



Johnson

families in Crittenden County."

This marks the fifth consecutive year for the honor, Johnson said.

The winners were announced Nov. 18 at a conference in Covington hosted by the CHFS Child Support Enforcement program (CSE).

The CSE administers

child support enforcement jointly with local contracting officials for all 120 counties.

"Child support enforcement is all about providing for children, and that is what all of you do so well," CHFS Secretary Audrey Tayse Haynes said. "Through your work, you promote parental responsibility so that children receive support from both parents even when they live in sepa-

rate households. It is not always easy, but you define the spirit of public service."

"The hard work of our contractors and administrative staff protects and supports families during a difficult period of time," said Department for Income Support Commissioner Steve Veno, who leads the CSE.

"In every Kentucky county, they are devoted to improving services so the children

they serve get the financial support that they deserve. We are pleased to honor these top performers."

Contracting officials are ranked based on their paternity establishments, the establishment of child support orders, child support collections and past-due collections.

Rankings for the 2013-14 fiscal year were made based on number of active cases.



Volunteer firefighters battle a fire last Wednesday that destroyed the home of and contents belonging to Neil and Arlene Luster of Salem.

## Salem couple recovering from fire that destroyed everything

STAFF REPORT

Neil and Arlene Luster are recovering from a Thanksgiving Eve fire that destroyed their Salem home and all of its contents. Arlene, 71, and Neil, 64, are now forced to start from scratch on fixed incomes.

However, outpouring of donations and help in the days after the tragedy have been moving, Arlene said Monday.

"So many people have been so kind," she said in the aftermath of the fire that wiped out everything but their pets and the clothes on their backs. "The kindness of people has been overwhelming."

A flood of donations of clothing, furniture and even Thanksgiving dinner has come the way of the Lusters, who moved from Texas to Salem two years ago. An account in the couple's name has also been set up at Farmers Bank & Trust Co.'s Salem office to help with future expenses.

Immediately following the disaster, the local American Red Cross gave the couple a debit card for Neil to purchase clothes. Arlene said people behind her in line at local stores have even picked up the tab for her purchases.

"People have been so kind and generous with things," Arlene said.

She said she is an easier fit and already has already several donations of clothes. Her husband is still in need of clothing – 42/30 pants and XXL tops – particularly a rain-coat or winter coat.

Not only did the Lusters, who have family in the area, lose all their personal possessions, including irreplaceables like family photos, the couple did not have insurance on their the home or camper adjacent to the wooden structure. The home was too old to insure and the camper had to be on the road to be covered, Arlene said.

At press time, the couple was preparing to move into a mobile home donated for their use until they could move their own mobile home onto the property where their burned-out home is already being removed.

The Lusters were not home at the time the fire broke out last Wednesday afternoon. They were in Smithland, in fact, extending their own hand to help the less fortunate in the community. In addition to helping with veterans activities through the Burna American Legion post, the couple regularly assists with the Helping Hands food bank for Livingston County, donating their time each week.

As they were wrapping up their day of volunteering at the food pantry, they got a phone call from Arlene's sister who lives in a mobile home next door to the Lusters. With poor cell phone reception inside the building where she was working, Arlene had to wait and check her voicemail once she stepped outside. Her sister had left a message to tell them their home was on fire.

"We were headed to Paducah, but turned around and came home after we heard the message," Arlene said.

When they got to their Mill Street home, it was engulfed as firefighters from Salem,

Burna, Smithland and Grand Rivers fought the flames.

"Thank you to all the firefighters," said Arlene. "They were on the scene in 12 minutes."

Firefighters were not able to save the home, but they were able to contain the flames to the Lusters' property, sparing Arlene's sister's mobile home and another nearby residence.

"It came pretty close to the house next door," Luster said.

Arlene's sister was the first to report the fire to authorities, discovering it after stepping outside to check on a cracking noise.

"She went outside and smelled smoke," Arlene said.

The noise was the fire consuming the Luster's home. Arlene said the fire apparently started with a heating stove inside the wooden structure, spreading to the metal camper and a small propane tank attached to the metal structure that exploded.

Luckily, the couple's pets were not at the home. Otherwise, the pets would have probably perished, Arlene said.

"We kind of looked at each other and said, 'Yeah, let's take them with us'," she said of the decision to take the dogs, Tux and Red Girl, with them to Smithland.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Illegal dump sites getting cleaned up

Above, trustees from Crittenden County Detention Center last Wednesday help the county's road department clean up a large illegal dump site on Paddy's Bluff Road, according to County Jailer Robbie Kirk. Found at the site were 60 tires, 10 gas tanks, an intake manifold, a toilet, three large cylinders and four large bags of trash. The site was found by the litter abatement crew while picking up trash on Paddy's Bluff Road. Crittenden County Solid Waste Coordinator Sue Padgett said there is another illegal dump site on Lloyd Road with dozens of bags of trash and another on Axel Creek Road with recliners and various other items. Both of the latter sites will be cleaned up as soon as possible.

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# Opera house hosted stage shows, graduations

Marion once had its own opera house which was also known as the Town Hall. It was located on West Bellville Street on the second floor between the former Western Auto Store (now where the new fire station sits) and Gilbert Funeral Home, which was then Tucker Furniture and Casket Store.

Located on the ground level were Tucker and Foster Garage, Given's Cafe', Souder's Restaurant and Meat Market, R. F. Wheeler Grocery and Moore and Pickens Millinery (where Alan Stout's law office was located).

The opera house was higher than the two end stores, and individuals entered by a double-wide stairway leading from the sidewalk between the Western Auto Store and the store next to it. It occupied one long room over the stores.

Marion's Opera House was the setting for many entertaining events for the community. The interior was decorated very artistically. The walls were decorated with colorful tapestries, and a handsome detailed painted screen set the backdrop for the stage.

The entrance hall was also adorned with lights and beautiful pictures. The whole effect gave the theatre a very pleasing appearance.

The opera house provided all kinds of entertainment for the citizens of Marion and the surrounding areas, including local plays and musical entertainment. Traveling shows included magic, hypnotism and recitations by actors. The Marion city school also held its plays and graduations at the opera house.

In the early 1900s one of the programs was a hypnotism act. Stanley W. Hart, known as the Laugh King, gave a series of demonstrations on hypnotism. After an explanation concerning the science of hypnotism, Dr. Hart invited those desiring to test their susceptibility to come on stage. A number of young men responded and were made to dream that they could not open their eyes or put their fingers together. Participants were told they were fishing, racing horses and a dozen other ludicrous things.

Hart, along with his brother, J.S. Hart, performed several tests in catatopsy, the most remarkable being the human bridge, where the young man being hypnotized was suspended by his head and feet between two chairs and a committee of five men sat on him, an aggregate weight of 975 pounds.

Two subjects were placed in a state of anesthesism and pins thrust their arm and cheek, showing the utility of hypnotism in minor, major or dental surgery.

The closing feature was causing Mr. Robert Miller to sleep. He was then removed to the show window of Pierce-Yandell-Gugenheim Co., where he slept peacefully until Wednesday night.

Dr. Hart was a graduate



of the New York Institute of Science, the leading college of hypnotism of the world.

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In April 1902 the opera house was the scene of a fiddling contest. The old time melodies charmed the audience for over two hours and it proved to be one of the most successful entertainment shows Marion has ever enjoyed.

The opera house was packed with people and 34 old fiddlers decorated the stage with their goodly appearance, and charmed the listening audience with their old time melodies.

When the curtain rose, the 34 violins were pouring forth the stirring strains of "Dixie" and the audience rose to its feet and cheered.

After this came the contest between six of the fiddlers with the "Arkansas Traveler." Dr. W. F. Randall from Hopkinsville won the prize.

The greatest interest centered for the decision as who would be named the best old time fiddler. All of the old pieces were heard, including Dan Tucker, Yankee Doodle, Old Black Joe, Billy in the Low Ground, Leather Breeches, Natchez Under the Hill, Fisher's Hornpipe and Devil's Dream. Each fiddler chose his own piece.

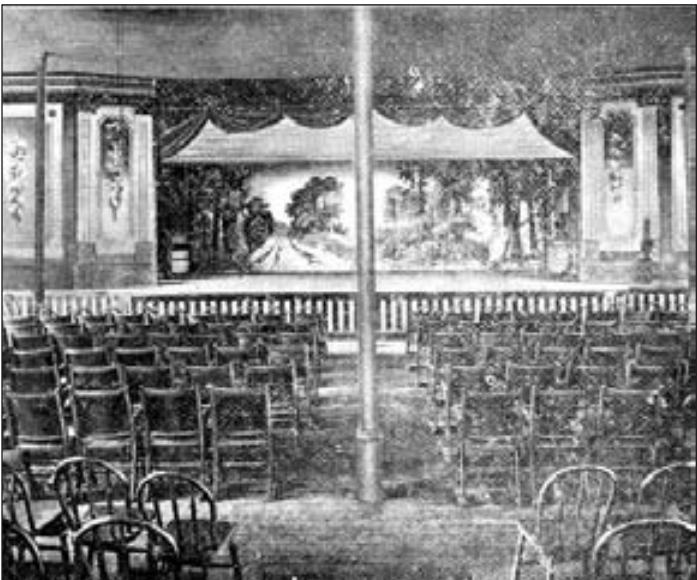
The prize hung in the balance until J. H. Johnson of Fords Ferry, the man with the green fiddle, stepped to the front and began his medley of all these old tunes. His soft tones of the zephyr stormed, screeched and cooed. Soon he had the crowd with him and in two minutes, demonstrated that he was the master of the occasion, and throughout the evening he was the favorite. He won the capital prize.

Marion's own boys won the plaudits of the audience. Those present and entering the contest were: James M. Loovorn, Charles M. Davis, William Marvel, W.S. Crider, Forrest M. Brightman, W.S. Duvall, James H. Johnson from Fords Ferry, Moses A. Nelson from View, Ellis Dalton and Edgie Gregory from Dycusburg and from Blackford, Leeson Lawson, Gus Quirey and Barney Thurman.

Every contestant carried home a handsome silk handkerchief and a pair of socks. James Johnson, the winner, who lived at Fords Ferry, played a fiddle made by a Fords Ferry man, Mr. Lee Yeakey. He was an craftsman.

Edgie Gregory of Dycusburg, was equally talented and joined in with his banjo to the delight of the audience.

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**Ollie James to the rescue**  
In September 1911 a graduation commencement was in progress at the



SUBMITTED PHOTOS  
The top left photo depicts a group that participated in a fiddlers' contest in 1902. At top right is a rare look inside the opera house, published in a 1895 issue of The Crittenden Press. At left is a look at Marion's opera house and surrounding buildings in the early days before it burned.



opera house. All the boys and girls of Marion, along with their parents and two counties were present. They were crowded into the one exit and even down the stairs.

It was before Marion had electricity and the scene was dimly lighted with oil chandeliers, which smoked and flickered in the breezy old hall.

A graduate was declaiming earnestly, pointing to the old cracked ceiling, where she saw in her imagination, the pinnacle of success. All of a sudden a large crash was heard. One of the chandeliers had fallen directly in front of one of the parents, splashing coal-oil over the floor for several feet.

In a moment everyone was rushing for the door and windows. The stage was a fluttering mass of white, like a frightened flock of doves. All over the auditorium women were fainting, boys attempting to climb out of the windows, and several were even ready to drop to the pavement which was 35 or 40 feet below.

The crowd was rushing and pushing to get down the stairs, when from the crowded room a big, hoarse voice yelled: "The fire is out, sit down!" Everyone sat down at once, not in their original seat, but the people knew when Ollie James said, "The fire is out," that there was no question about it.

Those that were present thanked him publicly and even wanted to recommend him for a Carnegie (hero) medal. But Ollie only said in his big voice, "I simply

did my duty."

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Marion's Opera House was the place for the entertainment of Marion and surrounding areas from the late 1800s until Jan. 10, 1921. Once again the fire demon claimed this busy business block of Marion. No one was certain where or how the fire started, though some thought it started in the butcher shop.

The fire was discovered

by Harry Moore and he promptly gave the alarm to the telephone operators, who notified the fire chief and the light plant. The fire whistle immediately sounded.

The opera building was very combustible and the fire spread rapidly. When the fire department arrived on the scene, the blaze was so well under way that it defied all efforts to extinguish it. Soon the buildings on each side were ignited,

those occupied by the Marion Hardware Co., Moore and Pickens., and the dry goods store of D.O. Carnahan.

The newly organized fire department worked like veterans. Through their efforts the onward sweep of the flames was checked at the Foster & Tucker garage.

When this burned section was finally rebuilt the opera house wasn't included in the reconstruction. A beautiful old piece of architecture was lost to future generations of Marion, as so many were in those early days, due to the destruction of fires.

(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

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PREP CALENDAR

Upcoming Games

Crittenden County Basketball

Friday

Varsity doubleheader at Trigg County

Tuesday

Varsity doubleheader at Caldwell Co.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Deer Archery	Sept. 6 - Jan. 19
Turkey Archery	Sept. 6 - Jan. 19
Raccoon, Opossum	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer Crossbow	Nov. 8 - Dec. 31
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 8 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 22 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 27 - Dec. 7
Duck	Nov. 27 - Jan. 25
West Goose Zone	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
White-Front Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Snow Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 6-12
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 13-21
Dove	Dec. 20 - Jan. 11
Deer Free Youth	Dec. 27-28
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 1-6
West Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 7-8
Snow Goose	Feb. 9 - March 31
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

Turkey hunting v2.0

The second segment of shotgunning for wild turkeys will open Saturday and run through Dec. 12. Hunters can bag two birds with a shotgun during fall hunting. However, only one may have a beard longer than three inches and hunters may harvest only one turkey per day. During the first segment of gun hunting for turkeys in October, local sportsmen harvested 11 birds. So far, with shotguns and archery gear, hunters have taken a total of 17 turkeys this fall, only four males.

FOOTBALL

Junior pro equipment

Anyone who played Crittenden County Junior Pro football in the third, fourth, fifth or sixth grades should return their equipment to league officials by Dec. 5. Equipment can be dropped off at The Crittenden Press office or given to a coach or league official.

Rocket banquet Sunday

Crittenden County High School's Rocket football team will host its annual awards banquet at 2 p.m., Sunday at the school's multi-purpose room. There will be a potluck meal followed by presentation of honors and awards. Fans, parents and boosters are invited.

SOFTBALL

Umpires wanted

Anyone interested in umpiring fast-pitch, high school softball in Region 2 should contact Del Brantley at (270) 836-0649. There will be a regional meeting on Jan. 4 in Providence for those interested in working as an umpire.

# Crittenden starts hoops play with opening trip to Wildcats

STAFF REPORT

The last time Crittenden and Trigg met on the basketball floor there was plenty of excitement, right down to the wire. They meet again Friday at Cadiz as the Rockets open their season on the road.

The Wildcats narrowly escaped Rocket Arena with their Fifth District title last March, winning in overtime after Crittenden almost stole the crown in regulation.

Trigg was clearly the most athletic team in the division last year and nothing has changed.

Head coach Payton Croft and the Wildcats were 18-8 a year ago and they return three starters, Demaria Nance, Detaveon Day and

Tyreke Wilson. Debo Mayes will be another key player for the 'Cats this season as they look for a third straight district championship.

Trigg's biggest loss was Cole Gardner, who provided inside strength and could also shoot.

Trigg has won 14 of its last 16 games in the Fifth District and everyone knows Croft has the team to beat this time.

"They have the best players, they're defending champs and they should be ranked No. 1" in the district, said Rocket coach Denis Hodge.

For the Rockets, it will be a testy first outing. Crittenden returns just one starter from last year's

team that took Trigg to the wire before finishing 9-21.

Trigg opened with a win Tuesday against Dawson Springs.

Handling Trigg County's speedy backcourt will be a challenge. Nance, the Wildcat point guard, was one of the league's best last season and is just a junior this year.

The largely inexperienced Rockets are certain to face plenty of defensive pressure from the Wildcats, baseline to baseline.

Friday's District doubleheader tips off at 6 p.m., with the Lady Rockets' game. The boys play 20 minutes following the girls' contest.

The Crittenden Press Special Coverage

Thursday, December 27, 2014

Rockets Basketball



Last Week's Basketball Special Section had an error on the first page, Dylan Hicks was incorrectly identified.

Dylan Hicks

Junior - Guard



Crittenden's Chelsea Oliver battles St. Mary's Kelly Black for possession of a loose ball during Monday's season-opener at Paducah. Oliver led the Lady Rockets with 19 points.

# Rocket girls start strong; 5th Friday

STAFF REPORT

It had been four years since Crittenden County's girls' basketball team won its first two games out of the chute. That's history now as CCHS has opened in full tilt and will get a district matchup Friday at Trigg County.

Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge, armed with a team she says has loads of potential, is 2-0 after winning back-to-back Monday and Tuesday nights.

Chelsea Oliver scored 19 to lead Crittenden County to a 27-point win on the road at St. Mary Monday and Cassidy Moss had 20 in a 12-point win Tuesday at home against Fort Campbell.

Moss scored 12 of the Lady Rockets' 18 second-half points, including eight straight in the fourth period to help fend off a Fort Campbell flurry. Despite eight fourth-quarter turnovers and very poor shooting, the Lady Falcons were able to trim a 15-point third-quarter deficit down to 10 points early in the last period. Moss's scoring on opportunistic plays helped preserve the girls' second win in as many days.

Oliver and the Lady Rockets used relentless defensive pressure to wear down a young St. Mary squad in the season-opener Monday. Crittenden never trailed once the game got going and led by 22 in the third period. The Rocket girls continued to extend their lead until the final seconds, capitalizing on St. Mary turnovers.

CCHS got balanced scoring with Cassidy Moss adding 11 points at the

forward position, Mallory McDowell scoring nine at point guard and Kiana Nesbitt and Khyla Moss getting seven apiece inside.

With the first two behind them, Crittenden now turns its attention to Trigg County, district doormat a year ago, but a team that looks for better play behind coach Mike Wright.

Wright is a longtime sports fixture at Trigg with more than 600 games under his belt during various tenures with the boys' and girls' teams at Cadiz. The Lady Wildcats have won just eight games over the past two seasons combined, but they return veteran guard Mallory Mize and a new three-guard approach that aims to put pressure on opposing teams. The Lady Rockets beat Trigg twice last season.

**Crittenden 62, St. Mary 35**

Crittenden	13	15	19	15
St. Mary	8	9	15	3

CRITTENDEN – C.Moss 11, McDowell 9, Oliver 19, Moss 7, Nesbitt 7, Lynch 6, Evans 2, Riley 1, Champion, Pierce, Davis. FG 24. 3-pointers 1 (Oliver). FT 13-23. Fouls 15.

ST. MARY – Meredith 2, Koenig 13, Shockley 6, Courtney 2, Higgins 4, Black 2, Bratton 4, Thomas 2. FG 14. 3-pointers 0. FT 7-18. Fouls 16.

**Crittenden 50, Ft. Campbell 38**

Fort Campbell	8	10	7	13
Crittenden Co.	20	12	8	10

FORT CAMPBELL – Stomburger 3, Fairley, Wooten, Monclang, Blaszkowski, Holt 2, Dugger, Hoeltke 8, Hall, Ingram 6, Sibert, St. Aubyn, Smith 19. FG 18. 3-pointers 0. FT 2-10. Fouls 14.

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 8, Oliver 12, C.Moss 20, Nesbitt, K.Moss 2, Lynch 6, Riley, Pierce 2, Evans. FG 23. 3-pointers 0. FT 4-17. Fouls 13.

CCMS RESULTS

Here are results from games over the past week involving Crittenden County Middle School teams:

<b>CCMS BOYS</b>	<b>CCMS GIRLS</b>
7th - Caldwell 47, Crittenden 5	7th - Lyon 20, Crittenden 12
O'Leary 2, Carlson 1, Crider 2.	El.Smith 2, Long 2, Callaway 8.
8th - Caldwell 60, Crittenden 20	8th - Crittenden 26, Lyon 15
Boone 8, Towery 5, Dossett 2, Nesbitt 4, Riley 1.	Perryman 7, El.Smith 2, Summers 13, Easley 2, Callaway 2.
7th - Lyon 26, Crittenden 21	<b>Remaining Games</b>
O'Leary 9, Carlson 8, Hill 2, West 2.	Dec. 4 St. Ann, Girls
8th - Lyon 49, Crittenden 48	Dec. 9 Union County, Girls
Boone 21, Towery 10, Gipson 10, Nesbitt 6, Dickerson 1.	

Grant Benningfield bagged this 9-pointer on his grandfather Hugh Highfil's farm in the Mexico community.



Madison Champion harvested her first buck ever, a nice 10-pointer.



Aaron Locke, 11, bagged his first buck, a 6-pointer, during the rifle season.



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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-CI-00071

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., PLAINTIFF VS.

ALEXANDRA BAKER, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the November 13, 2014, I will on Friday, December 12, 2014, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 694 Levias Road, Marion, Kentucky 42064

DESCRIPTION: The following described real property lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on Levias Siloem Church Road, across from Thomas E. Guess' property, formerly Richard Hornback, South 72° 10' East 293 ½ feet; South 17° 30' West 337 feet; north 77° 20' West 236 ½ feet to Levias Siloem Church Road; thence with the road in a Northerly direction, to the point of beginning, containing 2 acres more or less.

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to Alexandra C. Baker and Brent A. Baker, Wife and Husband, from Thomas E. Guess, a single person, by deed dated December 30, 2006, and recorded at Deed book 207, Page 246, of the records of the Crittenden County Clerk's office, Kentucky.

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This the 17th day of November, 2014.

Brandi D. Rogers

MASTER COMMISSIONER

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

(3t-24-c)

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DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale in the above-styled action entered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on March 14, 2014, and Order to Reset Sale entered November 13, 2014, I will on Friday, December 12, 2014 beginning at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:)

Property Address: 1692 SR 132, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

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**■ SPECIAL FEATURE**

# Local landowner Ball recalls NFL career

## All-American tackle recounts victory in Super Bowl V, other pro highlights

**By MIKE KLINGAMAN**  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Sam Ball has a Super Bowl ring on his NFL from the Baltimore Colts' 1970 championship and a plaque on his wall naming him the 1990 Kentucky Soybean Association's Man of the Year. Life has been good to the All-American tackle-turned-farmer, who has reaped the rewards of two jobs well done.

"For a country boy to have played for the Colts, alongside seven (future) Hall of Famers, was every kid's dream," said Ball, 70. "Plus, I was their No. 1 draft choice. What an honor. My gosh, that's right up there with cold beer and air."

Baltimore's first-round pick in the 1966 NFL draft, Ball helped anchor the offensive line for four years, during which the Colts (43-9-4) won two conference and three division titles. Knees shot, he bowed out following the Super Bowl victory over the Dallas Cowboys and took up a career in agribusiness.

"I retired lame," he said. "If I'd stayed, I'd be crippled."

Even so, Ball has had 18 surgeries since football – on his neck, hips, back and knees. Telltale scars on his forehead remain ("We head-butted everything back then."). In April he fell, punctured a lung and broke eight ribs.

"Some parts don't work like they used to, but that's OK," he said. "Thank God for technology and titanium."


It has been 48 years since he arrived in Baltimore – 6-foot-4, 250 pounds and an able successor to All-Pro Jim Parker, who taught Ball all of his favorite moves.

"Jim was strong as a freight train and, on one play, hit me in the gut so hard that I wanted to puke," Ball said. "I said, 'Jim, I know how to do it now. You don't have to show me any more.'"

He earned a game ball in October 1968 for his play in a 27-10 win over the Los Angeles Rams. In that

contest, Ball silenced Deacon Jones, the Hall of Fame defensive end who vowed revenge when next they met.

"I'd like to have (Ball) one-on-one this Sunday and we'll see if he really earned the game ball of his," Jones said prior to their rematch in the L.A. Coliseum that December.



"I kept quiet all week," Ball recalled. "But when I was introduced before the game, 93,000 people booed. Well, on the first play I chopped Jones with a cut block, which forced him to put his hands on my back as he fell. But to the crowd, it looked like he was mashing my face into the ground. They were yelling, 'Attaboy, Deacon!'"

"We won that game, too. Afterward I called home and said, 'Guess what, mamma? Nearly 100,000 people know who I am.'"

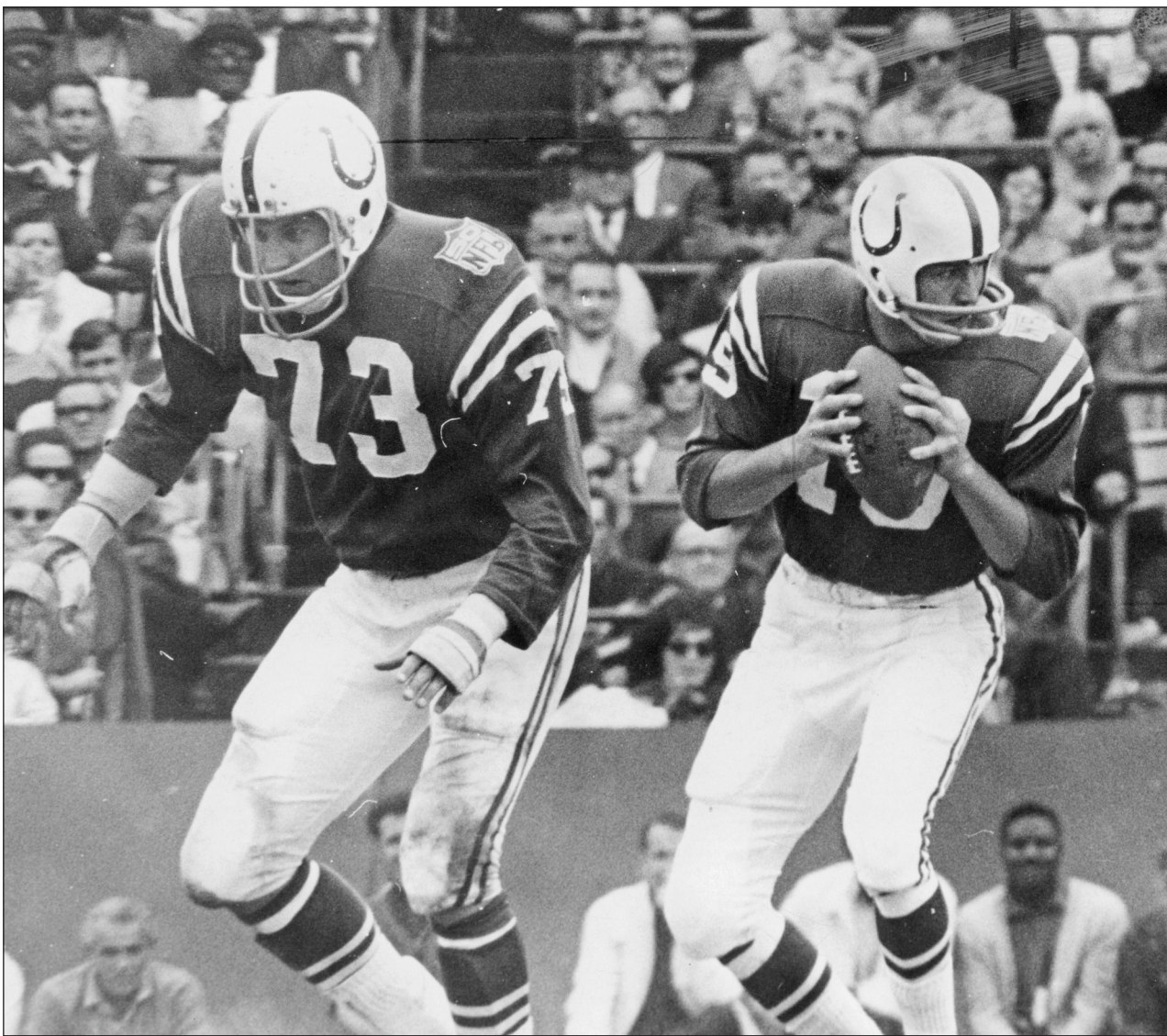
The Colts reached the Super Bowl that season but were upset, 16-7 by the New York Jets.

"They must replay that game 50 times a year on TV, and after 40 of them I get phone calls," said Ball, still vexed by the outcome of Super Bowl III. But Baltimore's victory in Super Bowl V softened the blow.

"I never thought the good Lord would give me another chance for a championship," Ball said. "After the game, we went from the (Miami) Orange Bowl to a party at (Colts owner) Carroll Rosenbloom's home in Miami. The first guy I saw there was Muhammad Ali. He said, 'I know who you are - I read the (Louisville) Courier-Journal.'"

"I thought, here I am, a lowly tackle and I'm recognized by the most known man on the planet."

Ball retired soon after to his native Kentucky and the 400-acre Crittenden County farm of Chapel Hill Road he'd bought in 1967 with the Colts. There, Ball still raises cattle and hunts deer and wild turkeys. He also works as a motivational speaker, lacing his talks with homespun humor. Annually, he stages a charity golf tournament to benefit the Salvation Army.



Sam Ball (73), shown here protecting quarterback Johnny Unitas in 1970, was the Baltimore Colt's first-round draft pick in 1966. Ball, who lives in Henderson but owns a farm and cabin in Crittenden County, retired after the Colts won Super Bowl V in 1970 over the Dallas Cowboys. The deterioration of the offensive lineman's knees contributed to the decision. "I retired lame," he said. "If I'd stayed, I'd be crippled." Ball played in two Super Bowls.

though he doesn't subscribe to the rules of the game.

"You walk your butt off, you lose balls and the low score wins. I don't understand any of it," Ball said. "I mean, when I get a birdie, I eat it."

Divorced, he lives in his hometown of Henderson, happy that his three children followed him to college at Kentucky. A son, Shane, played football there for then-head coach Bill Curry, former Colts center and Ball's teammate in Baltimore.

"I wore No. 73 in college and

with the Colts," Ball said. "At Kentucky, Shane asked for No. 37. When Curry asked why, he said, 'Coach, I'm a reflection of my daddy.'"

Sam Ball beamed.  
"I've been an All-American and a world champion," he said, "but that beats everything."

(Editor's note: This story originally appeared in the Sept. 14 edition of The Baltimore Sun and is reprinted here with permission. The Crittenden Press also contributed to this story.)

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